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1. a. The airfield northwest of NIS (Y 39/K 24) was bordered by the NIS-BELGRADE railroad line to the north, by the BELGRADE-SKOPLJE railroad line to the west and by the Misava River to the south and east. MEDOSEVAC was situated directly south of the field.
- b. The landing field, about 3,000 x 4,300 feet, had no concrete runway but was of firm, rocky soil and was serviceable in any weather. There were no camouflaged parking sites, nets or splinterproof revetments. Boundary lights were not available but the towers and smokestacks of the town were provided with red lamps.
- c. For details on location and installations see attached sketch. The field was still under the supervision of a Soviet officer in December 1948.
2. a. The airfield was occupied by the following aircraft, parked in the open:

35 IL-2s

10 biplanes of Soviet make

8 trainers

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- d. All aircraft had an antenna leading from the rudder assembly to the pilot's seat. Concentric rings of different colors were around the propeller hubs.

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e. Flight training and practice flying was done with the biplanes, individual and formation flying in groups of up to eight planes with the IL-2s. Parachuting was done individually.

3. a. At day and night alarm practices, held in November 1948, the aircraft were dispersed over all the airfield and later took off individually or in groups of two planes. Bombs about 25 inches long that could be carried by one man, arrived at the airfield at night where they were unloaded and activated. Aircraft ammunition was hauled from the ammunition bunker at the southwestern airfield border. A Soviet officer was always present at the flight and alarm practices.

b. The flying personnel were housed in a five-story barracks. Four hundred recruits were inducted in October 1948 and quartered at the airfield.

c. There was an anti-aircraft gun emplacement of four or five 20-mm three-barreled guns at the airfield.

- 25X1 4. [] the LESKOVAC (Y 39/K 20) airfield is being used as an emergency airfield.

25X1 [] Comment:

These statements, which were confirmed by previous reports, are considered credible. According to previous information, the 419th Ground Attack Regt is assumed to be stationed at the MIS airfield. No other information has been received on the LESKOVAC airfield which is allegedly being used as an emergency airfield.

1 Annex: Airfield of MIS

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